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Grown Folks Dancing!

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Gentlemen:

Per section 79.1(f), this letter of petition is requesting an exemption of closed captions based on an undue burden. Enclosed is an original affidavit plus two (2) copies of the request for exemption.

My contact information is as follows:

Robert Thomas
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OR

Robert Thomas
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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Truly,

Robert Thomas
Executive Producer
Grown Folks Dancing!

Cc: WTVZ TV 33


B. Thomas, #1
16 January 2012

AFFIDAVIT

BETWEEN Robert D. Thomas
Petitioner

AND: Federal Communications Commission
Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF

ROBERT D. THOMAS 
(name)

I, ROBERT D. THOMAS, ON AIR PERSONALITY / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
(name) (occupation)

of 221 Little Farm Ave, in the City of HAMPTON
(street address) (city)

In the City of solemnly affirm:

I am the petitioner of this matter and as such have personal knowledge of the matters herein referred to.

SWORN BEFORE ME Robert D. Thomas
(name)

in the City of Hampton, this

Jan 17, 2012
(date)


(signature)



Per Section 79.1(f), as Executive Producer of "Grown Folks Dancing," I am requesting an exemption from closed captioning because it imposes an undue burden. Grown Folks Dancing is a locally produced thirty (30) minute television program broadcasted at 12:30 am Sunday on WTVZ, Norfolk, Va. The show is primarily of local interest since it features local residents and its' economic support system is inherently fragile.

Inquires have been made to have the show "closed captioned"; however, most have proven to be cost prohibitive. Prices range from \$150 to \$250 per show. The show is aired weekly meaning a cost of \$600 to \$1000 per month. Since this is an extremely low budget operation (meaning one person handle's everything from capturing the footage to hosting the show to post production) \$600 to \$1000 per month is not within budgetary constraints.

Pursuit of sponsorship of closed captioning is an option but has not been fruitful to this point. With the current economy, chances of procuring sponsorship seem bleak. The distributor, WTVZ, does not offer closed captioning services to program owners. WTVZ has recommended a third party to handle closed captions; however, the cost is \$250 per show which again, is cost prohibitive.

Within the program, text is frequently added to provide a modicum of on screen information. This in no way should be construed as transcription but does offer a type of alternative.

Based on the aforementioned, the request for exemption of closed captioning is requested.



(name)

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